

## Findings and Decisions following Fitness to Practise Committee Inquiries (Nurses Act, 1985)

Name: Ms Ellen Teresa Anne Carroll; PIN: 60270

Finding of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional misconduct

## Allegations proven:

When you were a nurse employed at X Hospital, on or about the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2006, you:

- failed to provide adequate nursing care to a patient Ms. A, who was under your care.
- failed to make a full and/or adequate record of relevant information, including Ms. A's condition, care, the circumstances of her death and/or events thereafter and/or failing to ensure such records were made and/or kept.
- failed to take appropriate action to ensure Ms. A was properly observed and/or accompanied when you saw and/or heard that the care attendant with her was or might be asleep.
- You failed to inform nursing staff coming on duty after you and/or Dr. A and/or B
  and/or any other appropriate person of the full and/or true circumstances of Ms A's
  death either in a timely manner or at all.

**Sanction:** Pursuant to Section 39(1) of the Nurses Act, 1985, Ms. Carroll was **suspended** from the Register of Nurses and Midwives for six months in relation to her professional conduct and pursuant to Section 40(1) of the Act, **Conditions** were attached to the retention of Ms. Carroll's name in the Register of Nurses and Midwives. The decision to suspend Ms. Carroll from the Register of Nurses and Midwives and to attach Conditions to the retention of her name in the Register of Nurses and Midwives was confirmed by the High Court on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.